

it a "popular" plant. Pellea Breweri  
too, may command a limited sale,  
if it proves hardy? Woodia Oregana  
is rather more hopeful.

We grow Primula Parryi grandly  
now. Deep rich moist peat soil.  
Lewisia too is quite "at home". We  
have not yet flowered Polemonium  
confertum, but have a fine lot of it.  
Ranunculus adoniceus & Actinella  
grandiflora also grow well. Gentiana  
Parryi (but few) & progresses very  
slowly. G. affinis free, & plenty of it.

We have lately got a grand lot  
of the charming Daphne repens  
from South Tyrol; a virtually new  
plant which will be highly prized.  
Also Primula spectabilis.

Very sincerely thy friend  
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Dear Dr Gray

I am afraid lest some-  
thing has happened to Dr  
Chapman; as I have never  
heard from him direct, or  
received any Sarracenia Purshii  
mondia, or any other plants.

Now have I yet heard from  
P. S. Herckmaes respecting  
the Silene Baldwinii: but  
as these would take some  
time to establish, I am not  
surprised, - expecting to hear  
when he has them ready to offer.

I am almost sorry that a root or two of it was not sent to me at first, but Mr. Berckmans should fail with it? We have done well with S. rotundifolia & now have some fine vigorous plants of it thriving famously.

Dr. Parry has not found much in the region he has explored this summer. The best consignment, by far, was a fine lot of young plants (4 to 6 inches high) of Picea concolor. But unfortunately they were taken up with such bad roots (practically no roots at all, in many instances, — the fibres being torn off) that

we have to treat them as cuttings, & thus lose a season in being able to sell them. The next best new thing is Spirea cespitosa; & a lot of Agave Utahensis will be valuable. But this is nearly all that is of commercial value beyond what the cost of carriage will neutralise!

So that I calculate upon a rather heavy loss this season — hoping, however, that a good part (at least) will be made up, in due time, with the Piceas.

The district of Utah in which he has worked seems remarkably unproductive of showy plants. Synthlipsis pinnatifida possibly may turn out pretty well, but I have no idea that we shall ever find